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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: PINS, CZ  
SUBJECT: ANOTER QUIET ANNIVERSARY OF WP-FIVE INVASION

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1. WEEK-END OF AUGUST 20-21, THE NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1968  
OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY TROOPS OF FIVE WP ARMIES, PASSED  
QUIETLY. PRAGUE WAS, AS USUAL ON SUMMER WEEKENDS, ALMOST DESERTED  
AND WENCESLAS SQUARE, THE MOST LIKELY SITE FOR ANY MANIFESTATION  
MARKING THE ANNIVERSARY, WAS QUIET. THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT THE  
AUTHORITIES FELT ANY FEAR OF A POPULAR MANIFESTATION OCCURRING.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM BBC THAT AN OPEN LETTER SIGNED BY 70 PEOPLE  
PROTESTING CONTINUED PRESENCE OF SOVIET TROOPS HERE WAS ISSUED  
AUGUST 20, BUT WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN A COPY. WE MAY COMMENT  
FURTHER WHEN WE LEARN WHO SIGNED IT.

3. WHAT MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN AN ANNIVERSARY PROTEST WAS  
SEEN ON CHARLES OZIDGE AUGUST 21 - A SIGN (IN ENGLISH) IN  
WHITE CHALK ON THE PEDESTAL OF THE FAMOUS ST. LUITGARDE STATUE  
OF CHRIST BEING TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS: "OUR GOD, WE WANT  
FREEDOM."  
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## Message Attributes

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